

Next Steps: We can learn a lot about our calling by looking at the people Jesus called to follow Him. Take a look at Matthew 10:1-4 and compare it to the other lists of the Disciple-Apostles in Mark 3:13-19 & Luke 6:12-16. John doesn't write down a specific list of the original Apostles but he does reference "The Twelve" in John 6:67, 70, 71 and 20:24.

After reading through these lists of names, one might get the impression Jesus was only concerned about Jewish men coming to Him and following Him. There are times when the Disciple-Apostles thought this was the case too. They thought Jesus should not waste His time with children in Matthew 9:13-15. What do you learn about the concern Jesus has for children in this passage?

John 4:1-42 is another fascinating example of how Jesus cared for all people of all shapes and all sizes. How did the woman initially respond to Jesus speaking to her? What important spiritual truth did Jesus show to her? What did the Disciple-Apostles think about Jesus talking to a Samaritan woman? What did the Samaritan woman do once she believed Jesus was the Messiah?

Acts 9 tells the story of Jesus calling out to Saul.

Think about your own faith journey for a few minutes. Do you relate more to the original Twelve Disciple-Apostles? Perhaps you heard Jesus call to you as a child. What are the benefits of trusting in Jesus at an early age? Perhaps you identify more with the Samaritan woman... you have been confused about the Messiah and/or you don't think you are worthy of Jesus' time. Perhaps you relate more to Saul and his story.

Next Week: We will be looking at the rest of Matthew 10 as we see Jesus not only calls us to Himself... He also sends us out to the world. We hope you will be able to join us as we share in communion during our worship time.